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In re Application of: Jeppesen et al.

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For: New Compounds, Their Preparation and Use

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/420,347 filed on October 19, 1999, (now US Patent No. 6,365,586) and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application PA 1998 01354 filed on October 21, 1998 and of U.S. provisional application no. 60/105,913 filed on October 28, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference. f

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-6, 8-15, 17, 19-22, 25, 35, 37-42, and 45-49, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers (a marked-up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

1. (Amended) A compound of formula (Ia)